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SUBJECT: REFINED COPPER: AUSTRALIAN REACTION TO USITC QUOTA REMEDY

REF: A) STATE 196543; B) STATE 203263

1. GOA AWARE OF BUT HAS NOT FOCUSED ON USITC RECOMMENDATIONS SINCE, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, HISTORICALLY, AUSTRALIA HAS NOT BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLIER TO U.S. MARKET. INDEED, RELEVANT COMMODITY DIVISION IN GOA'S DEPT. OF TRADE AND RESOURCES EMBARRASSED TO STATE THAT THEY HAVE SUCH POOR STATISTICAL GATHERING FUNCTION (AND SUCH LONG TIME LAGS) ON COPPER THAT THEY USE USBOM DATA FOR THEIR HISTORICAL OVERLOOK. NEVERTHELESS, ALTHOUGH THESE DATA SHOW RANGE OF ONE THOUSAND SHORT TONS OF EXPORTS TO US MARKET OVER HISTORICAL PERIOD OF PAST YEARS, DATA NOW REFLECT SURGE TO SOME 8,340 SHORT TONS DURING JANUARY - APRIL 1978 PERIOD AND GOA IS BEGINNING TO FOCUS
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ON ISSUE DUE, IN PART, TO PROMPTING BY MELBOURNE - BASED COPPER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION.

2. NEITHER GOA NOR AUSTRALIAN MINING INDUSTRIES COUNCIL (AMIC) FOCUSED ON COPPER DURING GAO STUDY TEAM VISIT TO CANBERRA THIS WEEK (CANBERRA 675) ALTHOUGH COPPER WAS ONE OF MINERALS IN OVERVIEW.

3. GOA SPOKESMAN TOLD EMBOFF TODAY IN COURSE OF ROUNDUP OF MATERIALS FOR GOA TEAM, THAT DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND RESOURCES HAD JUST RECEIVED ROUND UP FROM EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON USITC ACTION AND THAT SUBJECT WOULD SOON BE FOCUS OF GOA REVIEW IN CONTEXT OF GENERAL TRADE POLICY ISSUES. HE SAID THAT GOA INFORMING ITS PARIS EMBASSY TO REVIEW MATTER WITH CEPEC AND THAT GOA WOULD LIKELY JOIN WHATEVER REPRESENTATIONS MEMBER COUNTRIES PROPOSE TO TAKE ON ISSUE. AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, HE OPINED THAT GOA NOT LIKELY TO MAKE SEPARATE REPRESENTATIONS ALTHOUGH MELBOURNE PRODUCERS HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS OF POSSIBLE PRICE EFFECT OF ANY USG ACTIONS TO IMPOSE QUOTAS AND THE THIRD COUNTRY MARKETING IMPACT. ALSTON

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